

Sasebo City and area events

Flea markets:

Noritake Chinaware Sale

Saturday, 11 to Monday, 13 December 0800-1630

Noritake Chinaware Outlet in Imari City

Noritake Chinaware Outlet has four quarterly sales through the year and this is the last one. Don't miss it. They provide a grab box contains 25 pieces set for ¥10,000 (approximately \$99.00) I believe you can get a flyer at Tours and Travels at the Fleet Landing. The flyer comes with a coupon that you can exchange for a freebie piece of Chinaware.

Takeo Mingeimura (Folk-craft Village) Flea Market

Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 December 1000-1600

A monthly flea market will be held on the second weekend in December. It takes about one hour to drive from the base to Takeo. It's very easy to locate Mingeimura (folk-craft village). Drive north on Route 35 through Arita. Drive through a couple of tunnels. Drive on for 7-8 minutes, you will find it on your right. If you are looking for used kimonos or antiques, this is a good place to find them. It will be cancelled if it rains hard.

Yume Ichiba (Dream Market) Flea Market

Sundays, 12 and 19 December 1000-1600

Yume Ichiba (Dream Market) in Mikawachi-cho

It's on Route 35. When you drive toward Arita, you will find it on your left in Mikawachi-cho.

Daito Jusco Flea Market

Tuesday, 14 December 1000-1600

Daito Jusco on Route 35

You can find used but good condition kid's cloths, toys and knickknacks. It will be cancelled if it rains.

Hono-no-Haku Flea Market

Sunday, 19 December 1000-1600

Park in Hono-no-Haku Memorial Hall (Out-door) in Arita-cho

This is also a monthly flea market and has been very popular among Americans. You can find the memorial hall very easily on Route 35. If it rains, it will be cancelled.

"You-Me Town" Flea Market in Tosu

Sunday, 19 December 1100-1600

There will be about 40 stalls there. It takes a little more than one hour to drive to Tosu. "Yume" town's sign is written in English.

Flea Market in Hasami-cho

Thursday, 23 December (Emperor's Birthday) 1000-1600

Hasami Yakimono (Chinaware) Park

A monthly flea market will be held on the Emperor's Birthday this month. Hasami-cho is about half an hour drive from the base. It's also famous for its fine Chinaware. You can find good quality and relatively inexpensive Chinaware there. It will be cancelled if it rains.

Dragon Market

Sunday, 26 December

1000-1600

Local Gym in Ainoura-cho

Dragon Market is a monthly flea market. The last one this year comes to Sasebo city. People living in Ainoura-cho, Ogata-cho, Ono-cho, Shinden-cho, don't miss it. Since it is cold outside, they will have this in-doors. If you have any money left over from Christmas, this is the one for you.

Takeo Store "Sugiya" Flea Market

Sunday, 25 December

1000-1600

If you do Christmas shopping at the last minute, there is still a way. Drive along Route 35 toward Takeo. You will pass Arita on the way. Right after you get to Takeo, you will see a Mobil gas station on your right. Turn right at the corner. You will find the supermarket on your left (second building from the corner). Get a great gift, wrap it nicely and bring it to your Christmas party. It will be cancelled if it rains.

Flea Markets in Fukuoka

The following information is for people who don't mind driving to Fukuoka.

Flea Market at TNC, Momochi

Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 December

1000-1500

Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 December

1000-1500

Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 December

1000-1500

Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26 December

1000-1500

Saturday, 15 and Sunday, 16 January 05

1000-1500

TNC building in Fukuoka city (TNC is a broadcasting company next to Fukuoka Tower.) Please note that the weekly flea market will have a break for two weeks during the holidays. If you have a chance to go to Fukuoka, just stop by and take a look at it.

Super Flea Market in Fukuoka Dome

Saturday, 15 and Sunday, 16 January 2005

1000-1800

Fukuoka Dome

This one requires an admission, Y700.

Festivals and Events:

Twinkle, Twinkle Festival

Until Sunday, 26 December

Shimano Park, Matsuura Park, and Sasebo Park and on the arcade

Various kinds of events are scheduled:

Huis Ten Bosch in the Park

Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 December 1100-1700

Shimanose Park

You don't have to go to Huis Ten Bosch to see the performers. They will visit Shimanose park and perform. You can see their juggling and bouncy bicycles.

Twinkle, Twinkle Big Party and Yosakoi Dance Get-together

Wednesday, 8 December 1900-

This is a very popular annual big party in Sasebo. Tables are connected in one line all through the arcade and 5,500 people toast at the same time to start the party. Everyone can participate in this party. All you need to purchase a ticket (Y1,000 for advance ticket / Y2,000 for regular ticket). The fee covers reservation of a table, a party hat and a glass of drink to toast. Please bring food and drink. I'm pretty sure this is a great chance to mingle with local people. Prior to the party, they will have a party costume contest starting at 1700. 25 Yosakoi dance teams will perform at 1930 at Shimanose Park.

Twinkle, Twinkle Wedding

Sunday, 12 December 1800-

Shimanose Park

A lucky couple chosen from the all applicants will get married in the park. The Mayor of Sasebo will attend the wedding, too. Let's celebrate them together!!!

Christmas Decoration Contest

Sunday, 19 December 1100-

Shimanose Park

The winner of the Christmas Decoration Contest will be announced. You can find which store's Christmas Decoration on the arcade impressed the people most. Cho-house residents attending this contest can bring photos of their houses.

Santa Clause Gathering

Sunday, 19 December 1600-

Shimanose Park

Santa Clauses from all over Kyushu Island will get together in the park. They will march through the arcade. Don't miss it.

Music Fair "Let's Sing Joyful, Joyful Together" in German

Thursday, 23 December 1800-

Shimanose Park

Local singers will sing "Joyful, Joyful" all together. Please stop by and see Japanese people singing in German.

Lighting Candles Ceremony

Friday, 24 December 1900-

Shimanose Park

Let's light a candle in a glass and celebrate Christmas Eve.

Snow Falls in Sasebo?

Saturday, 25 December 1300-

Shimanose Park

Snow falls in the park only. I can't predict what the weather is like on Christmas Day. But I'm pretty sure we will have snow in the park. If you miss snow, stop by the park. Bring your pair of gloves! Speaking of Christmas Events, another series of events are scheduled at Friesta Sasebo:

Friesta Sasebo Happy Christmas 2004

Until Saturday, 25 December

Friesta Sasebo next to Sasebo Train Station

X'mas Kids Dance Stage

Sunday, 5 December 1400-1500

Patio area in Friesta Sasebo

Local kids will perform their dances!

X'mas Happy Fortunetelling Service

Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 December 1200-1800

Patio in Friesta Sasebo

Cost: ¥980 plus 2 paperback books

Since this event is sponsored by Kinmeido Book Store, it comes with two paperback books, too. I'm afraid the books are all written in Japanese, though.

Free Nail Polish Service

Sunday, 12 December 1200-1800

Patio in Friesta Sasebo

You can get the nail polish for free. You have to choose which nail you want to be polished, though. Since this is a demonstration service, you can't get all your nails done. If you would like to have all done, you can visit the nail shop. It's not too good to be true.

X'mas Special Live Music Concert

Sunday, 19 December 1) 1700 2) 1800

Thursday, 23 December 1) 1400 2) 1600

Patio in Friesta Sasebo

A popular gospel unit "PEACE WORLD" will perform on Sunday, 19 December. On the Emperor's Birthday, Mr. Kintaro Kawada (singer) and another gospel choir "GLORY" will perform. There are two shows scheduled each day.

Saikai National Park 50th Anniversary Pre-Event "Wow! Japanese Nature is Wonderful!" Exhibition

It's on now until Monday, 10 January 05

0900-1700

Pearl Sea Center, Kashimae Pier

Beautiful panels of the 28 national parks all over Japan are exhibited. Speaking of Kashimae pier:

Aquarium of Christmas

Saturday, 4 through Sunday, 28 December 0900-1700

Pearl Sea Center, Kashimae Pier

You can see a tank decorated with Christmas ornaments and fish in red, green and white.

The 58th Fukuoka International Open Marathon Championship

Sunday, 5 December 1210-

Course: Fukuoka Asahi International Marathon Course (42.195 km)

Classes:

Aquarium Backyard Tour

Every Sunday

1) 1430- 2) 1530-

Pearl Sea Center, Kashimae Pier

Admission: Y600 (adult) / Y300 (child)

You can learn about our local sea creatures up close. The tour itself is free. Speaking of backyard tours, there is another:

Backyard Tour at Ishidake Zoological and Botanical Garden

Saturday, 4 December 1100-1145

Ishidake Zoological and Botanical Garden

Admission: Y400 (adult) / Y100 (child), # of students: 20

You can check out the lions' bed, you can feed the elephant. The tour itself is free. But you have to pay the admission fee for the zoo. Speaking of Ishidake zoo, there are classes scheduled:

Christmas Container Garden Making Class

Sunday, 5 December 1030-1200

Cost: Y2,500 # of students: 40

Please call 0956-28-0011 to sign up. Please bring a pair of gloves.

Science Class "Let's Make a Hot Patch from Scratch"

Saturday, 4 December 0900-1100

Children's culture Center (next to the Planetarium Observatory on the hill)

of students: 20 (4th graders to 9th graders), Cost: Y300

Please call 0956-23-1517 to sign up.

The 3rd International Exchange "Chinese Cooking Class"

Saturday, 4 December 1030-1400

Haiki Town Hall Kitchen

of students: 20 (3rd to 6th graders), Tuition: Y500

To sign up for this class, e-mail your name, grade, address, DOB, and phone number to nagaural@yahoo.co.jp or Call Nagasaki International University at 090-1198-7632.

Speaking of a cooking class, WIC is having one in December.

WIC Overseas Japanese Cooking Class

Thursday, 16 December 1700-
M/B Fellowship Hall, Community & Education Center
The featured dish is “Champon,” noodles and vegetables in hot thick broth. Sounds delicious. Call WIC Office at 252-8781 to sign up. No fee (tuition) is required, for your information.

Concerts:

Sasebo City Orchestra Concert

Sunday, 5 December 1330-
Arkas Sasebo Big Hall
Admission: Y1,500 (advance ticket) / Y1,800 (regular ticket)
Y500 (primary to high school student)

This time you can listen to their chorus along with the orchestra music, as they commemorate the orchestra’s 40th anniversary. You can get your ticket at the CD store across the arcade from Tamaya’s.

The 21st Nagasaki Prefectural University Brass Band Concert

Sunday, 5 December 1330
Sasebo Citizen’s Hall
Since it says nothing, the concert should be free of admission.

Citizen’s Christmas Charity Concert

Tuesday, 7 December 1730-2030
Arkas Sasebo Big Hall
Admission: Y1,000 (Free: 18 years old and under)
The concert consists of 3 parts. The first one (1800-1900) is a music concert. Messages will be read in the second part (1915-1930). You can enjoy the mini concert of NHK actress, Mrs. Mori Yuri in the third part (1930-2030). E. J. King School choir (approximately 50 students) will sing in this concert, for your information. Oops, I almost forgot to mention, you can get your ticket at M/B Chaplain’s office.

If you’d like to join the concert or see the rehearsal on Saturday, 4 December from 1400 to 1500, please stop by Tawara-machi Catholic Church on Route 35.

Jazz in Paris “Strada” Trio Concert

Saturday, 11 December 1700-
Arkas Sasebo Medium Hall
Admission: Y3,000 (adult) / Y1,500 (student)
Jazz lovers, don’t miss this chance. This is a very rare opportunity to enjoy listening to comfortable French Jazz music.